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SUBJECT: LTP- Revision of Fiscal Year 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) State Guidelines.

Purpose: To release a revision to the Indiana EQIP 2006 State Guidelines that clarifies several practice requirements for the FY06 EQIP program.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006

Background: Due to changes in some practice standards and questions on criteria for several other EQIP practices, the Indiana EQIP 2006 State Guidelines have been revised. These revisions are intended to improve implementation and eliminate confusion. The specific changes are as follows:

Residue Management, No-Till (329) - revised to include a reference to 329 and former 329A for prior payments on this practice. Also clarifies that producer must have no-tilled, as defined in the new 2006 329 standard, for less than 5 years to be eligible for the incentive.

Residue Management, Mulch till (Modified No-till) (345) - revised to specify that if producer received prior payments for 345, 329, or 329A they are ineligible for this incentive. Also clarifies that producer must have mulch-tilled (modified no-till) and/or no-tilled (329A) for less than 5 years to be eligible for this incentive.

Irrigation Water Management (449) - revised to define existing irrigation system as irrigation 2 of the past 5 years, and to define acceptable proof as producers' statement or DCs' knowledge.

Prescribed Grazing (528) – revised to clarify when the incentive can be paid by stating that producer must have physically started towards implementing the practices planned for the rotational grazing system to receive the first incentive payment.

Special Cost-share & incentive provisions (page 12) – added information that defines intent to use 345 to transition up to 329 and sets limit on the combination of the two practices.

The revised Indiana EQIP 2006 State Guidelines are currently posted to the Indiana NRCS EQIP web page, and are available for immediate download and use.

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